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Mr. Donald A. Ostler, P.E.  
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Dear Mr. Ostler:

Subject: Dump Leach Area I

Please accept this correspondence as notification that Dump Leach Area I is no longer under cyanide leach as directed by your letter dated November 12, 1987. Barrick ceased active leaching of this area on July 15, 1988 and has maintained cistern and leakage collection system dewatering since that date.

Pursuant to our operating permit for Dump Leach Area I, we have undertaken the initial steps necessary for abandonment. As the heap must be flushed with fresh water to achieve less than 5 ppm free cyanide values for both cistern and leakage, water distribution piping has been installed and is functional. A flowmeter has also been incorporated into the system to record the gallons of fresh water applied. Cistern and leakage collection system flows are currently monitored.

It must be noted that our intention is to initiate flushing of the heap on a continuous basis over the fall/winter/spring of 1988-1989. This activity will commence, however, when adequate supplies of fresh water exist. Mill water supplies for our gold processing circuit will not be placed at risk to satisfy the flushing program.

Also, a final determination for the ultimate use of this site upon the completion of flushing will be made at a later date. Once developed, such plans will be forwarded to the Bureau for review and concurrence.



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Please contact me at your convenience should you have any questions concerning this submittal. Thank you for your cooperation.

Respectfully,



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